

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 and 15-20 are CANCELLED from consideration.

Claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 are rejected.

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The invention of claim 1 further~~ A device for closing bags having handles with a strap means with a first end and a second end and a strap length between the first end and second end for closing a loop in the strap length between the first end and the second end comprising ~~ing of~~ a support means with an axis and with a perimeter with at least one attachment means comprising at least one rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for releasably holding ~~for supporting at least one strap means between the at least one first end and at least one second end along the arm length~~ the handles a catch means for releasably holding the end of the string and a middle of the string and a first bar with a left end attached to the support means at least one attachment means and a right end attached to the catch means ~~and~~ for holding at least one bag handle over the string strap means length.

12. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the support means further comprises at least one second rack arm with a first front end and first rear end and an arm length between the first front end and the first rear end for supporting at least one second strap between the at least one first front end and at least one first rear end of the second support means along the arm length, and for holding at least one bag handle over a second strap means, attachment means and at least one second bar attached to the support at least one second attachment means and wherein the support means further comprises or spindle means for allowing the first bar and at least one second bar to rotate about the support means axis.

13. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the bags have a top and a bottom and a length from the bag top and bottom and wherein the support means further comprises a base and wherein the first bar at least one rack arm is approximately the same height above the base as the by at least the bag length.

14. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11, wherein the attachment support means further comprises a package holding means on holding a package means and wherein the package means hold for holding and dispensing a plurality of handles onto the first front end and the first rear end.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 12 wherein the bags comprise a loaded width and the support means further comprises a mounting means for supporting the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm so that the at least one rack arm is supported, separated by a distance at least equal to the loaded width from the at least one second rack arm.

22. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 21 wherein the mounting means comprises a loading position for loading the bag handles over the strap means and wherein the mounting means is rotational to alternate the position between the at least one rack arm and at least one second rack arm to the loading position.

23. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 13 wherein the support means further comprise a bag support plate for supporting the bag attached below the at least one rack arm at a height less than the bag length.

24. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 11 wherein the first rear end has a front and back and the strap means comprises a handle and wherein the bags are held on the back of the rear end and the strap length runs between the front side of the first rear end and the first front end.

25. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 24 wherein the support means further comprises a strap dispensing means on the back of the rear end for dispensing a plurality of straps over the at least one arm length.

26. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 11 wherein the invention is operated by a user standing comprises a user location adjacent to the support means from the invention and wherein the [invention is] support means further comprises at least one rack means for holding bags while they are loaded adjacent to the user location.

27. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 14 wherein the strap means comprises a loop having a first and second length and a handle fixed along the first length of the loop.
28. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 27 wherein the package holding means is for holding the handle while the bag handles are placed over the strap.
29. (New) The invention of claim 26 further comprising a second user location adjacent to the support arm for a second user to retrieve the loaded bags.